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CHOOSE YOUR FAVORITE ARIZONA STATE QUARTER DESIGN
Governor's Web Site Allows Public to Select Favorites

PHOENIX – Every state in the Union will eventually have its own quarter, and Arizona's special coin will be minted in 2008. Today, Governor Janet Napolitano unveiled not only the final five designs for the Arizona State Quarter, but also a Web page that will allow Arizonans to select their favorites. The Governor has until May 1, 2007 to select the final design and forward that to the U.S. Treasury.

To participate in the selection process, go to www.azgovernor.gov and click on "Arizona Quarter." You'll be linked to a page that shows all five designs and allows you to rank the coins in the order you like best. Those who don't have access to a computer at home may login at a local public library to make their selections.

"I'm looking forward to the help on this decision!" said Governor Napolitano. "The creation of the state quarter gives us an exciting opportunity to commemorate and celebrate Arizona's beauty and heritage."

The Arizona Quarter Commission was created by Executive Order in November 2005. In less than one year, the 24-member commission solicited design suggestions from across the state; a total of more than 4,200 designs were submitted from 79 Arizona communities. The Commission used those design suggestions to create "narratives" that were submitted to the U.S. Mint in September 2006. Artists at the Mint used the narratives to create the five original designs.

The national state quarter program began in 1999. A new state quarter comes out approximately every 10 weeks, in the order the states were admitted to the Union. The program will conclude with the minting of Hawaii's quarter in 2008. To learn about the 50 State Quarter Program or to see state quarters already released, visit:
http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/index.cfm?action=50_state_quarters_program.

For those needing assistance participating in the ranking, please call the Governor's Office of Constituent Services at 800-253-0883.